Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway www.alexandriava.gov/JeffersonDavisHighway

Second Meeting – September 25, 2017

Dr. Oswald Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St. 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

AGENDA

1. Call to Order and Introduction of Members

Laurie MacNamara (Chair)

2. Review of Previous City Council and Advisory Group Action Craig Fifer (Staff)

3. **Review of Public Survey Results** Craig Fifer (Staff)

4. **Public Hearing** Laurie MacNamara (Chair)

If you would like to speak, please sign up using the sheets near the entrance to the room. Speakers must adhere to the time limit announced by the Chair. The Advisory Group will only take public input on suggested new names for Jefferson Davis Highway. Speakers may not address other topics, including whether to rename the street.

5. **Discussion** Advisory Group Members

6. Adjournment

ADVISORY GROUP MEMBERS

- Laurie MacNamara (chair) Alexandria
- Lynnwood Campbell Alexandria
- Gerry Laporte Arlington
- Elmer Lowe, Sr. Arlington

ADVISORY GROUP STAFF

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BACKGROUND

On September 17, 2016, the Alexandria City Council voted unanimously to begin the process of renaming Jefferson Davis Highway in Alexandria. This action followed the recommendation of the Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Confederate Memorials and Street Names.

On May 19, 2017, Alexandria City Manager Mark B. Jinks announced the appointment of an Ad Hoc Advisory Group on Renaming Jefferson Davis Highway, to solicit public feedback and consider potential new names for a portion of U.S. Route 1. Since City Council has already voted to begin the renaming process, the Advisory Group is only seeking input on potential new names, and not on whether the name should be changed.

SURVEY RESULTS

The Advisory Group conducted a public survey from August 10 through September 15. The following names, listed in alphabetical order, were suggested in some form by at least 100 respondents in Alexandria, Arlington, or Fairfax and fall within the scope of City Council's existing guidance on inclusiveness and the decision to rename Jefferson Davis Highway. This was not a vote, and the Advisory Group's consideration is not limited to these suggestions.

- Abraham Lincoln
- Alexandria-Arlington
- Barack Obama
- Heather Heyer
- Mildred and Richard Loving
- Patrick Henry
- Richmond
- U.S. Route 1

FINAL SCHEDULED MEETING

- October 5, 2017; 7 p.m. to 9 p.m.; Dr. Oswald Durant Arts Center, 1605 Cameron St.
- This is expected to be the final meeting of the Advisory Group, during which the members would have final discussion and adopt a recommendation to the City Manager. This meeting is not expected to include a public hearing.